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Requirements for Intelligence on North Korean [REDACTED] Smuggling
Traffic

Background

In the course of a project recently completed by S/TR, it was brought out that there are a number of gaps in intelligence on various aspects of the above subject. These requirements are intended to improve our intelligence on the subject. While the questions are designed to develop intelligence on shipping operations and smuggling specifically between North Korea [REDACTED] it is realized that the nature of the information makes it difficult to thus pinpoint the area of operation. It should be noted, however, that the ability to pinpoint our intelligence in the areas concerned is a measure of its actual value.

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Requirements

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1. What are the names of shipping companies involved in shipping and smuggling trade between North Korea [REDACTED] If they are engaged in other areas, please specify and make some estimate of the relative proportion of shipping and smuggling traffic in each area. Give office addresses (main and branches) and names of key personnel.

2. List names, cargo tonnage capacity, port of registry, type of propulsion and approximate sea speed of each vessel owned by companies listed in question 1 above.

3. Give same as in question 2 for all vessels operated (but not owned) by companies listed in question 1.

4. Are the vessels owned by the companies continuously engaged in the shipping noted in question 1? If not, indicate the percentage of their time so occupied and indicate how and where the remainder of their time is occupied.

5. Give same data as requested in 4 above for vessels operated (but not owned) by shipping companies noted in question 1.

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6. Give names of ports employed in shipping and smuggling trade in North Korea [REDACTED]. Indicate relative importance of each in terms of number of vessels employed and amount of cargo moved into/out of each port.

7. If possible, estimate number of vessels arriving/departing daily each port listed in 6 above. Estimate aggregate daily tonnage.

8. Estimate daily (or monthly) volume of cargoes carried by vessels moving between North Korea [REDACTED]. How much of this is smuggling traffic? How much in other categories? 25X6A

9. Estimate value of cargoes described in 8 above.

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10. The foregoing questions have been directed to shipping and smuggling carried on more or less directly [REDACTED] North Korea. Insofar as possible, give similar data to that requested in questions 1 through 9 (where applicable) for companies and vessels engaged in indirect (third party or triangular) trading between North Korea [REDACTED]. This will include principally those companies operating out of Hong Kong, Indonesia and China.

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